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St. Iles, Nov^r. 20. 1825

My dear Madam,

I have obtained the information which you wanted respecting Mr. Johnson from a fellow of King's College and hasten to communicate it to you - Mr. Johnson, he says, died on the 11th of June 1822 -

My visit to you & Mr. Pond was short - but very sweet - When I come to you, I do not come as to common friends - but to friends of a much higher order - Therefore when I visit - I bring a very sincere and affectionate regard - I am at present - wish to be quite at home - as if in my own family - I was quite delighted to see the Hon^{ble}. Royal looking so well - He has not looked better for many years - But the fact is, I believe, that complaints in the stomach do wear away in time - if too much pains is not taken to drive them away by

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force - before they feel inclined to move themselves - I have
suffered grievously for many years from a complaint of that
kind - and applied force at every point to compel it - but the
more I strove to effect this the more determined it was in its
resistance, till at length I was obliged to come to a compromise -
It was agreed that I should use no more violence or rudeness - but
that it was to be left entirely to its own choice and inclination
as to the time of quitting the premises - It has not abandoned
my confidence - but has moved off, or nearly so, in a very
reasonable time - Pray have you heard any thing more
of South's Telescope? Has he yet got it mounted, and put
into action? - I feel, and so does every body, who have
heard of it, a good deal of interest about it, and should
be much obliged for any information you may be
able to furnish me with respecting it - I say it whether
the diameter of the object glass is 9 or 11 inches -

You must excuse me for observing that I think
you did not look quite so well in health as I could have

wished you - Pray get rid of your cold as soon
as possible - they may be treated more roughly than sto-
mach-complaints, and I recommend that you give
them no quarter -

Mr. Lox, and my daughter beg to join in
kindest and very best regards for yourself & Mr. Bond
with, very dear Madam,

Yr. very faithful & obed. Servant.

P.S. I shall be thankful for
any Astronomical news you
can give me -

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